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Leadership and Governance

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FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance			
Number L&G 1		STANDARD: The school evidences an acceptance of shared responsibility for improving student performance by administrators, teachers, parents, students, and the community and takes action to improve classroom practice and student performance. * District-driven with district responsibility		

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 1.1	The school uses district policies and procedures to support the use of academic achievement standards to assist the school and students in achieving higher levels of performance by ensuring that materials, strategies, curriculum components, instruction, and assessments lead toward mastery of state standards and assessments.	The school leadership must review, revise, and/or modify existing polices or procedures to support the use of academic achievement standards that assist schools and students in achieving higher performance by ensuring that materials, strategies, curriculum components, instruction, and assessments lead toward mastery of state standards and assessments.		Office of School Quality Broker services through the South Carolina School Board Association to provide an annual policy workshop or policy review with the board;
	Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. There are some local policies or procedures to support the use of academic achievement standards to assist the school and students in achieving higher levels of performance by ensuring that materials, strategies, curriculum components, instruction, and assessments lead toward mastery of state standards and assessments. Policies or procedures exist that support the use	 □ The school leadership must take immediate action to enforce existing policies or procedures that support the use of academic achievement standards to assist the school and students in achieving higher levels of performance by ensuring that materials, strategies, curriculum components, instruction, and assessments lead toward mastery of state standards and assessments. □ The school leadership must develop policies and procedures to support the use of the academic achievement standards that assist schools and students in achieving higher performance by ensuring that materials, strategies, curriculum components, instruction, and assessments lead toward mastery of 		 review the Board's policies prior to adoption; review all new or revised policies formally adopted by the board for content, format, and legal compliance; and provide sample policies and procedures upon request. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

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	of academic achievement standards to assist the school and students in achieving higher levels of performance by ensuring that materials, strategies, curriculum components, instruction, and assessments lead toward mastery of state standards and assessments; however, they are not being followed.	state standards and assessments.	
	There are no policies or procedures on the local level that support academic achievement standards of performance by ensuring that materials, strategies, curriculum components, instruction, and assessments lead toward mastery of state standards and assessments.		
L&G 1.2	The district has policies or procedures to ensure the identification and provision of resources designed to strengthen the process of teaching and learning in the classroom, improve student performance, and address gaps in student performance. Funds are allocated on the basis of priorities identified in the district strategic plan or school renewal plan. * District-driven with district responsibility Comments for Consideration:	Comments for Consideration: District Responsibility	 Office of School Quality Resources Provide or broker a workshop on writing policies and procedures. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Broker services through the South Carolina School Boards Association to provide an annual policy workshop or policy review with the board; provide research to assist districts with making quality decisions relating to policies and procedures; review all new or revised policies formally adopted by the local board for content, format, and legal compliance; and provide sample policies upon request.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 1.3	The school's master schedule provides maximum time for teaching and learning. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The master schedule is generally supportive of teaching and learning; however, modifications could be made to improve its overall effectiveness. The school's master schedule does not maximize opportunities or ensure that priority is given during the school day to teaching and learning.	 ☐ The school leadership must revise and/or modify the existing schedule to ensure that it maximizes time for teaching and learning. ☐ The school leadership must implement a schedule that maximizes time for teaching and learning. ☐ School leadership must establish a system that maximizes teaching and learning opportunities and protects classroomlearning time. 		Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership Provide sessions on scheduling and instructional monitoring. Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on time management and the principal as the instructional leader. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance					
Number	Reference	STANDARD: School administrators have individual professional growth plans with annual updates to support their individual growth and				
L&G	59-24-30	district and school needs as defined by the district strategic plan and the school renewal plan.				
	59-24-40					

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames Technical Assistance
L&G 2.1	The individual professional growth plan for the principal is developed using the State Board of Education's criteria and standards for principal performance. Findings:	The professional growth plan for the principal must be reviewed and updated so that it is complete and compliant with the State Board of Education's criteria and standards for principal performance.	Office of School Leadership Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on development of individual professional growth plans.
	 ☐ The above indicator is fulfilled. ☐ The above indicator is unfulfilled. ☐ The principal's individual professional growth plan does not include all of the required elements or is not aligned with the school renewal plan. ☐ The principal does not have a professional growth plan. 	An individual professional growth plan for the principal that is complete and compliant with the State Board of Education's criteria and standards for principal performance must be created immediately.	 ☐ Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services. Office of School Quality ☐ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames Technical Assistance
L&G 2.2	All other school administrators have ongoing individual professional development plans with annual updates that are appropriate to their roles or positions and are aligned with the school renewal plan. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled.	 The individual professional development plans for school administrators must be updated or modified to ensure that they are appropriate to their roles or positions and are aligned to the school renewal plan. The school leadership must take action to implement the professional development plans for all other administrators. 	Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on development of individual
	 The professional development plans are not appropriate to the administrators' duties or are not aligned to the school renewal plan. The professional development plans are on file but are not being implemented. School administrators other than the principal do not have professional development plans. 	Individual professional development plans for school administrators must be created. The plans must be appropriate to their roles or positions and aligned to the school renewal plan.	professional growth plans. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance			
Number		STANDARD: Principals are involved in the selection, discipline, and dismissal of personnel in their schools.		
L&G 3	59-18-1300	* District-driven with district responsibility		

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 3.1	Local polices or procedures direct principals to be actively involved in the selection, discipline, and dismissal of personnel in their schools, and those policies are followed. * District-driven with district responsibility Comments for Consideration:	Comments for Consideration:	District Responsibility	 Office of School Leadership Resources Provide training for principals through the SLEI sessions on working with teachers. Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on human resource management. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services. Office of School Quality Resources Broker services for writing policies and procedures. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance				
Number L&G 4		STANDARD: The school has an early childhood initiative that includes staff training to prepare teachers and administrators in teaching techniques and strategies needed to implement that initiative.			
	59-1-450 59-36-20	*This standard should be reviewed only for schools serving students in kindergarten through grade three. ** District-driven with district responsibility			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 4.1	The district strategic plan includes an early childhood initiative that integrates the planning and direction of the half-day program for four-year-olds, a parenting program, early childhood assistance, school practices in kindergarten through grade three, and any other federal, state, or district programs for preschool children in the	Comments for Consideration:	District Responsibility	Office of Early Childhood Education Resources • Provide professional development, which will assist districts as they seek to recruit parents of children who qualify
	district; and these initiatives are being fully implemented. ** District-driven with district responsibility Comments for Consideration:			 for early childhood programs. Provide guidance in selecting approved parent education programs offered to parents of children who qualify for early childhood assistance. Provide training in appropriate early childhood practices and parenting programs.
				 Provide training and assistance to districts in developing the early childhood assets study. Visit, monitor, and evaluate the early childhood programs regularly and provide feedback to the district.
				Provide administrators with training in

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				using the early childhood evaluation instrument.
				Provide workshops to review compliance requirements.
				Recommend and coordinate site visits to exemplary early childhood programs with similar demographics.
				Provide a workshop on Title I guidelines for parenting programs and staff training.
				Provide guidance in coordinating funds from state and federal sources.
				Office of Curriculum and Standards Resources
				Provide information on coordination of federal funds.
				Office of School Quality Resources
				Provide or broker services to assist in writing district strategic plans.
				Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
Number L&G 4.2	The school leadership will design and implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum model from preschool through grade three, based on a needs assessment and on strategies found to be effective in research. Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The preschool, kindergarten, and primary curriculum models are approved through the Office of Early Childhood Education. The preschool through third grade curriculum is not based on the needs of the students in that the school and/or is not based on strategies found to be effective in research.	Recommendations The school leadership must review and revise the curriculum for grades preschool through grade three to ensure that it is based on a needs assessment and on strategies found to be effective in research. The school leadership must take action to ensure that the approved preschool through grade three curriculum is being fully implemented in the classroom. The school leadership must design and implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum model for preschool through grade three, based on a needs assessment and on strategies found to be effective in research.	Time Frames	Office of Early Childhood Education Provide professional development on appropriate early childhood curriculum/teaching models, serving preschool through grade three. Visit, monitor, and evaluate the curriculum models for preschool through grade three. Recommend and coordinate site visits to exemplary early childhood programs with similar demographics. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	The preschool through third grade curriculum is appropriate and uses sound research-based strategies; however, it is not being implemented as written.			Provide professional development in how to review curricula with a focus on data.
	☐ The school does not have a curriculum for grades preschool through third grade.			

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance					
Number L&G	Reference 59-139-10	STANDARD: The school has established academic assistance initiatives for all grade levels.				
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Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 5.1	The school has an academic assistance initiative to support students with academic difficulties in all grades (preschool through grade twelve) so that they are able to progress academically with their peers. Options may include	The school leadership must review and revise and/or modify the existing academic assistance initiative to better support students with academic difficulties so that they are able to progress academically with their peers.		Office of Curriculum and Standards Provide suggestions and guidance for the implementation of effective academic assistance procedures.
	 a. extended-day and/or weekend programs, b. extended school year, c. tutorial programs, d. floating teachers assigned to work with students who have academic difficulties, e. school wide student assistance or intervention team, and f. alternatives to the above options. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school has an academic assistance initiative intended to support students with academic difficulties; however, it is not being implemented 	 □ The school leadership should consider adding the following initiatives to the academic assistance program: □ Extended-day and/or weekend programs □ Extended school year □ Tutorial programs □ Floating teachers assigned to work with students who have academic difficulties □ The school leadership must provide an appropriate academic assistance initiative designed to enable students having academic difficulties to progress academically with their peers. 		 Office of School Quality □ Provide or broker services to help the school establish an academic assistance initiative. □ Provide assistance in finding new and innovative programs that might be used for supporting students with academic assistance. □ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	appropriately. The school does not have an academic assistance initiative for the grade levels it serves.			

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance						
Number L&G 6	Reference 59-18-500	STANDARD: Schools have academic plans for individual students who are lacking the skills to perform at current grade levels. The plans were developed using the Education Accountability Act of 1998 guidelines for academic plans for students (APSs).*					
		*This standard should be reviewed only for schools serving students in grades three through eight. ** District-driven with district responsibility					

Number Indicator Recommendations Time Fr	mes Technical Assistance
L&G 6.1 The district has a policy for Academic Plans for Students that is consistent with state APS Guidelines. The policy and procedures are disseminated to all parents (grades 3-8) and are understood by all faculty members. ** District-driven with district responsibility Comments for Consideration: Comments for Consideration:	

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 6.2	The school includes students along with parents and appropriate school personnel in the APS conference ensuring that the APS is tailored to the specific needs of the student. Findings:	 ☐ The school leadership must develop and implement a system to ensure that parents, students and appropriate faculty members fully participate in APS conferences and the APS is tailored to the specific student's needs. ☐ The school leadership must develop and implement a system that ensures that all 		Office of School Quality Provide information and technical assistance for the school/district to outline the implementation of the academic plan process. Provide assistance for the school/district
	 Not applicable □ The above indicator is fulfilled. □ The above indicator is unfulfilled. □ Parents/guardians of students needing an APS do not consistently participate in APS conferences. 	parents/guardians of students needing an APS are notified in an appropriate and timely manner.		in reviewing the State's guidelines for APS. Assist the school/districts with the development and writing of policies and procedures related to academic plans. Provide suggestions and guidance for the
	 ☐ Students needing an APS do not consistently participate in APS conferences. ☐ Appropriate school faculty members do not consistently participate in APS conferences. ☐ The APS is not tailored to the specific needs of the student. ☐ The school does not include students along with parents and appropriate school personnel in the APS conference. 			implementation of an effective program for academic plans for students. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations Time	Frames Technical Assistance
Number L&G 6.3	Academic plans are monitored each grading period, and there is a method for notifying parents of ongoing progress. Appropriate action is taken when students are not making expected progress. Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. All academic plans are monitored; however, they are not reviewed quarterly. Some, but not all, academic plans are reviewed quarterly.	The school leadership must develop and implement a system that ensures all APSs are reviewed at least quarterly, parents are notified of the results of the review, and appropriate action is taken when students are not meeting expected progress.	Office of School Quality Provide information and technical assistance for the school to assist the school in developing an APS monitoring system. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	Academic plans are reviewed quarterly; however, parents are not notified of ongoing progress.		
	Academic plans are monitored quarterly; however, no action is taken when students are not meeting expected progress.		
	☐ Academic plans are not monitored quarterly.		

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 6.4	Students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their first APS year are notified—at that time—that they will be on academic probation in their second APS year (the school should attempt to accomplish this in an end-of-year conference with the parents and students) and action is taken to assist the students in meeting their APS goals.	The school leadership must immediately develop and implement a system that ensures that <u>all</u> students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their first APS year are notified in writing that they will be on academic probation in their second APS year.		Office of School Quality Provide information and technical assistance for the school to assist the school in developing an APS monitoring system. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	Findings:			
	☐ Not applicable			
	☐ The above indicator is fulfilled.			
	☐ The above indicator is unfulfilled.			
	Students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their first APS year are placed on academic probation; however, they are not formally notified of their status.			
	Some students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their first APS year are not placed on academic probation in their second APS year.			
	Most students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their first APS year are not placed on academic probation in their second APS year.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 6.5	All second year APS students not meeting standards after the first year are required to attend summer school or a comprehensive remediation program that meets EAA APS standards. Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Some second year APS students do not attend a comprehensive remediation program or summer school. All second year APS students attend a summer	Recommendations The school leadership must immediately modify their summer school or comprehensive remediation program to ensure that it meets EAA APS standards. The school leadership must immediately develop and implement a system that ensures that all second year APS students attend summer school or a comprehensive remediation program that meets the Education Accountability Act of 1998 APS guidelines/standards.	Time Frames	Office of School Quality Provide information and technical assistance for the school to assist the school in developing an APS monitoring system. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	school or comprehensive remediation program; however, the program does not meet EAA APS standards. Most second year APS students do not attend a comprehensive remediation program or summer school. No summer school or comprehensive remediation program is available to second year APS students.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 6.6	Students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their APS probation year (or second APS summer school if applicable) are notified—at that time—that they will be retained (the school should attempt to accomplish this in an end-of-year conference with the parents and students), and action is taken to assist the students in meeting their APS goals.	The school leadership must immediately develop and implement a system that ensures that <u>all</u> students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their second year are retained, and action is taken to assist these students in meeting their APS goals.		Office of School Quality Provide information and technical assistance for the school to assist the school in developing an APS monitoring system. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	Findings:			
	Not applicable			
	The above indicator is fulfilled.			
	☐ The above indicator is unfulfilled.			
	Students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their second APS year are retained; however, they are not formally notified in advance of their status.			
	Some students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their second APS year are not retained.			
	☐ No action is taken to assist students who are retained in meeting their APS goals.			
	Most students not meeting grade level standards at the end of their second APS year are not retained.			

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L&G 6.7	The school/district maintains individualized, accurate and complete records of APSs in students' permanent records, uses this information to guide development and implementation of continuing APSs, and forwards this information when a student transfers to another school. Findings:	 □ The school leadership must immediately improve their system for maintaining APS records to ensure that they are accurate and complete. □ The school leadership must take steps to ensure that all APS records are forwarded to the receiving school when an APS student transfers. 		Office of Curriculum and Standards Assist school/district in the development of a record-keeping system for academic plans for students. Provide information and technical assistance for the school to assist the school in developing an APS monitoring system.
	 Not applicable □ The above indicator is fulfilled. □ Some APS student records were not accurate or complete. □ Records were complete but were not transferred when the student transferred. □ Most APS student records were not accurate or complete. □ The school does not have an established system for maintaining APS records. 	The school leadership must immediately develop and implement a system that ensures all APS records are accurate and complete.		Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance							
Number L&G 7		STANDARD: The school renewal plan is developed every five years, is coordinated with the district strategic plan, and is reviewed and revised annually with input from principals, parents/guardians, teachers, the School Improvement Council (SIC), and community members. All areas of school improvement are incorporated into one comprehensive plan. * District-driven with district responsibility						

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 7.1	Principals, parents/guardians, teachers, the SIC, and community members are involved in the annual review and revision of the school renewal plan. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Some, but not all, key stakeholders are actively involved in the annual review and revision of the school renewal plan. There is no documentation to suggest that principals, parents/guardians, teachers, the SIC, and community members were collectively involved in the annual review and revision of the district strategic plan and the school renewal plan. The school does not have an up-to-date school renewal plan.	The school leadership must provide professional development with regard to forming collaborative relationships between school and community. The school leadership must establish written goals and strategies to improve community, parental, and staff involvement in the annual review and revision of the district strategic plan and the school renewal plan. The school leadership must ensure that all key stakeholders are included in the annual review and revision of the district strategic plan and the school renewal plan. The school leadership must take immediate steps to develop and implement a school renewal plan.	Time Frames	Office of Technology Provide suggestions and guidance on aligning the district technology plan with the district strategic plan and the school renewal plan. Office of School Quality Assist the school with the development of the school renewal plan. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on the development and implementation of an effective school renewal plan. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of

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L&G 7.2	Assessments of the effectiveness of strategies in the school renewal plan provide data regarding the impact of strategies and indicate whether they should be continued, modified, or terminated. (Data-driven decisions) Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Some data are used to make decisions on whether strategies should be continued, modified, or terminated; however, data analysis is not routinely used in the decision-making process. There is no assessment of the effectiveness of strategies in the school renewal plan. There are no data for the assessment of strategies in the school renewal plan.	The school leadership must review the existing assessment plan and revise and/or modify it to include the use of data and the effectiveness of strategies in the school renewal plan; provide data regarding the impact of strategies; and indicate whether they should be continued, modified, or terminated. The school leadership must develop an assessment plan that has an implementation timeline and that uses data to assess the effectiveness of the strategies in the school renewal plan. The assessment plan should use data to determine the impact of the strategies and indicate whether they should be continued, modified, or terminated.		Office of Assessment Provide or broker assistance to establish a procedure for determining the effectiveness of the strategies in the school renewal plan. Office of School Quality Provide strategic planning workshops that address planning, implementing, and evaluating the success of the plan. Broker consultant services to assist schools with school renewal plan evaluation. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

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L&G 7.3	The district delineates the strategies and the support that it will provide to a school to assist in the implementation of the school renewal plan. * District-driven with district responsibility Comments for Consideration:	Comments for Consideration:	District Responsibility	 Office of School Quality Resources Provide strategic planning workshops that address the implementation of district's school renewal plans. Broker consultant services to provide planning workshops for writing school renewal plans. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
L&G 7.4	The school renewal plan integrates the needs, goals, objectives, strategies, and evaluation methods found in the district strategic plan. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school renewal plan does not integrate all aspects of the needs, goals, objectives, strategies, and evaluation methods found in the district strategic plan. The school renewal plan is not aligned with the district strategic plan.	 The school leadership must review, revise, and/or modify the school renewal plan to integrate all aspects of needs, goals, objectives, strategies, and evaluation methods found in the district strategic plan. The school leadership must review, revise, and/or modify the school renewal plan to include strategies found to be effective by education research. 		Office of School Quality Provide or broker strategic planning workshops that address the integration of needs, goals, objectives, strategies, and evaluation methods found in school renewal plans. Provide research-based proposals for plans to improve student achievement Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	S AREA:	Leadership and Governance
Number L&G 8		STANDARD: The school fosters the success of all students by providing a positive, safe environment that is student-centered and has high expectations for all students.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames Technical Assistance
L&G 8.2	The school has procedures in place that deal with student misconduct in a prompt and effective manner. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. There are discipline policies in place, but they are limited in effectiveness and/or are not accessible to parents and students. There is not a system in place to maintain records of disruptive behavior. The school does not have discipline policies in place.	 ☐ The school leadership must modify and implement discipline policies that deal with student misconduct in a prompt and effective manner. ☐ The school leadership must devise a plan to maintain records of disruptive behavior. ☐ The school leadership must take immediate action to develop and implement an effective and accessible discipline plan at the school. 	Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on effective school discipline systems. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.
L&G 8.3	The physical condition of the facility is clean, safe, and well-equipped. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Overall, the school is clean, safe and well equipped; however, there are some areas of the school that need attention. The school is not clean, safe and/or well equipped. Early childhood classrooms (preK and K) do not meet health and safety criteria that are appropriate for young children.	 □ The district/school leadership must immediately assess all areas of the school and take action to ensure that they are clean, safe, and well-equipped. □ The school/district must take immediate action to develop and implement a plan to improve the condition of the school facility, ensuring that it is always clean, safe, and well-equipped. □ The school district must take immediate action to request state assessment of health and safety preK and K evaluation. □ The school district must take immediate action to comply with all recommendations following a state assessment of preK and K classrooms. 	Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of Early Child hood Education Assess preK and K classrooms in the areas of heath and safety. Assist school district in meeting the health and safety deficits found in the assessment of preK and K classrooms.

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L&G 8.4	The school has written safe schools checklists that are routinely used to assess safety strengths and weaknesses, and school staff members are prepared to react in an emergency situation. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school has written safe schools checklists; however, they are not routinely used to assess safety strengths and weaknesses. The school has written safe schools checklists; however, the staff members are not prepared to react in an emergency situation. The school does not have written safe school checklists that are routinely used to assess safety strengths and weaknesses, and school staff members are not prepared to react in an emergency situation.	 □ The school leadership must routinely use the existing safe school checklists to assess safety strengths and weaknesses. □ The school leadership must immediately provide staff with preparedness training and/or drills to ensure that they are adequately prepared to respond to an emergency situation. □ The school leadership must take immediate action to develop an emergency action plan and provide an orientation of the plan to students and teachers. □ The school leadership must immediately develop, disseminate and implement safe schools checklist(s) to assess safety strengths and weaknesses. 		Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of Safe Schools and Youth Services Provide information/ training about the Safe and Drug free programs and school safety issues i.e., Uniform Management Information Reporting Systems (UMIRS) and Persistently Dangerous.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance									
Number L&G 9		STANDARD: Standardized testing is administered in accordance with the requirements of the Education Accountability Act of 1998 and No Child Left Behind (NCLB), and the school has programs and services in place to assist students who fail the standardized tests.								

In the PACT with accommodations, modifications, or South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt) as outlined in their IEP. Findings: □ Not applicable □ The above indicator is fulfilled. □ The above indicator is unfulfilled.	Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled.		three through eight. Students with disabilities participate in the PACT with accommodations, modifications, or South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt) as outlined	leadership must provide in-service to teachers regarding the SC-Alt and how to design appropriate accommodations and/or		☐ Monitor the implementation of the
tested; however, the school does not have an established system to monitor the testing process. Teachers are not familiar with the SC-Alt. Documents indicate that not all students in grades three through eight were given the PACT or the SC-Alt. Test administration plans do not include accommodations and/or modifications for all tested core subjects. * This indicator should be reviewed only for grades three		 □ Not applicable □ The above indicator is fulfilled. □ It appears that all students are being appropriately tested; however, the school does not have an established system to monitor the testing process. □ Teachers are not familiar with the SC-Alt. □ Documents indicate that not all students in grades three through eight were given the PACT or the SC-Alt. □ Test administration plans do not include accommodations and/or modifications for all tested core subjects. 	to ensure that the PACT or the SC-Alt will be administered to all students in grades three		

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L&G 9.2	* The South Carolina High School Assessment Program (HSAP) test is administered to all eligible students who meet the HSAP Participation Guidelines, unless they meet the state qualifications for alternate assessment. Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. It appears that all students are being appropriately tested; however, the school does not have an established system to monitor the testing process. The HSAP test is not administered to all students who meet the HSAP participation guidelines. Students that fail the HSAP test are not retested up to four times. * This indicator should be only for grades nine through twelve.	The school leadership must establish a system that ensures that the South Carolina High School Assessment Program (HSAP) test is administered to all eligible students who meet the HSAP Participation Guidelines,** unless they meet state qualifications for the HSAP-Alt. The system must ensure that students who have not passed the test will be retested. ** Refer to HSAP Participation Guidelines.		Office of Assessment Conduct training for district test coordinators on the administration of the HSAP test. Provide workshop on how to analyze the data on students who repeat taking the HSAP test. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 9.3	* The school has remediation programs to assist those students who score below basic on the PACT. Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The remedial programs in place at the school do not address the needs of students who score below basic on the PACT. The school does not have remedial programs in place to assist those students who score below basic on the PACT. * This indicator should be reviewed only for grades three through eight.	 The school leadership must review and revise their remedial programs to ensure that they address the needs of students who score below basic on the PACT. The school leadership must immediately develop and implement remedial programs to assist those students who score below basic on the PACT. 		Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 9.4	* The school has remedial programs to assist those students who do not pass the HSAP test, one of the requirements for receiving a South Carolina high school diploma.	The school leadership must review and revise their remedial programs to ensure that they address the needs of students who do not pass the HSAP test.**		Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The remedial programs in place at the school do not address the needs of students who do not pass the HSAP test. The school does not have remedial programs in place to assist those students who do not pass the HSAP test. * This indicator should be reviewed only for grades nine through twelve.	The school leadership must immediately develop and implement remedial programs to assist those students who do not pass the HSAP test.** ** Refer to HSAP Participation Guidelines.		

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 9.5	The English Language Development Assessment (ELDA) is administered to <i>all</i> Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in grades K-12 in accordance with LEP guidelines. Students with disabilities participate in the ELDA with accommodations and modifications.	Before the next testing cycle, the school leadership must provide in-service to all LEP teachers and testing coordinators regarding the ELDA and how to design appropriate accommodations and/or modifications of students served with IEPs.		Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. It appears that all LEP students are being appropriately tested; however, the school does not have an established system to monitor the testing process. Teachers are not familiar with the ELDA. Documents indicate that not all LEP students in grades K-12 were given the ELDA.	The school leadership must establish a system to ensure that the ELDA will be administered to all students in grades K-12.		

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 9.6	The South Carolina Assessment End of Course Exam Program (EOCEP) is administered to all students enrolled in courses in which EOCEP is required. Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. It appears that all students enrolled in courses in which EOCEP is required are being appropriately tested; however, the school does not have an established system to monitor the testing process. The EOCEP is not administered to all students enrolled in courses in which EOCEP is required. The EOCEP is not administered within the specified time frame. Teachers do not use the EOCEP results as 20% of the students' final grade. No plan is in place for ensuring content standards are distributed on the first day of courses in which the EOCEP is required.	The school leadership must establish a system that ensures the South Carolina End of Course Exam Program (EOCEP) is administered to all students enrolled in courses in which the EOCEP is required within the specified time frame and has an established system to monitor the testing process. The school leadership must establish a system that ensures the South Carolina End of Course Exam Program (EOCEP) is calculated as 20% of the students' final grade. The school leadership must establish a system that ensures the content standards are distributed on the first day of courses in which the South Carolina End of Course Exam Program (EOCEP) is required.		Office of Assessment Conduct training for district test coordinators on the administration of the EOCEP. Provide workshop on how to analyze the data on students who take the EOCEP. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance					
Number L&G	Reference 59-18-350					
10		*This standard should be reviewed only for schools serving students in grades ten through twelve.				

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 10.1	* High schools offer to all tenth-grade students the opportunity to take state-funded PSAT or PLAN tests in order to assess and identify curricular areas that need to be strengthened and reinforced.	☐ The school leadership must establish a process to use PSAT or PLAN results to assess and inform revisions, additions, and/or modifications to the curricula.		Office of Assessment Provide training for a building-level test coordinator.
	Findings:	The school leadership must develop a system that ensures that every tenth-grade student is given the		Office of School Quality
	☐ Not applicable.	opportunity to take the PSAT or PLAN testing.		Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	The above indicator is fulfilled.			
	The above indicator is unfulfilled.			
	All tenth-grade students are given the opportunity to take the state-funded PSAT or PLAN; however, the results are not used to assess and identify curricular areas that need to be strengthened and reinforced.			
	There is no documentation to confirm that all tenth-grade students are given the opportunity to take the PSAT or PLAN tests.			
	* This indicator should be reviewed only for schools serving grades ten through twelve.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 10.2	* The school uses PSAT or PLAN testing to provide guidance and direction to parents and students as they plan for postsecondary experiences. Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. All tenth-grade students are given the opportunity to take the state-funded PSAT or PLAN; however, results are not used to provide guidance and direction to parents and students as they plan for postsecondary experiences. There is no documentation to confirm that all tenth-grade students are given the opportunity to take the PSAT or PLAN tests. * This indicator should be reviewed only for schools serving grades ten through twelve.	 □ The school leadership must plan and implement a workshop for students in the tenth grade and above and their parents to discuss how the results of PSAT or PLAN tests may be used to plan for postsecondary experiences. □ The school leadership must develop a system that ensures that every tenth-grade student is given PSAT or PLAN testing. 		Office of High School Redesign and ACT/SAT Improvement Assist guidance counselors and curriculum coordinators/leaders in interpreting results of PSAT and PLAN testing. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance					
Number L&G 11	Reference 59-20-60	STANDARD: The school has a viable and active School Improvement Council (SIC) that is focused on school and student performance.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 11.1	The SIC membership includes the principal, other exofficio members, two elected parents, two elected teachers, and two non-parent community members (high school SICs also must have two elected students). The SIC meets at least monthly during the school year, to develop and/or revise the school renewal plan and/or the writing of the annual updates to the plan. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The membership of the SIC is incomplete. The SIC does not meet at least monthly. The school does not have an active SIC. The SIC was made aware of the contents of the school renewal plan and had some input but did not participate in writing these documents. The SIC was not involved in the development or revision of the school renewal plan and/or writing of the annual updates of the plan.	 □ The school leadership must work with the community to fill all vacant SIC positions. □ The school leadership must work with the community to ensure that the SIC meets at least monthly. □ The school leadership must work with the community to establish a SIC that has appropriate representation and meets at least monthly to focus on school and student performance. 		Office of School Quality Broker the services of the South Carolina School Improvement Council (SCSIC) to provide information and/or workshops on developing a School Improvement Council that is effective. Broker the services of SCSIC to provide annual SIC training. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 11.2	The SIC meetings always include a review of the progress in meeting the goals and objectives found in the school renewal plan, and subcommittees (work groups) are formed to address specific student focused goals. Findings:	The SIC leadership must ensure that each SIC meeting includes a review of the progress in meeting the goals and objectives found in the school renewal plan.		Office of School Quality Broker the services of the SCSIC to provide information and/or workshops on developing a School Improvement Council that is effective. Broker the services of SCSIC to provide annual SIC training.
	 ☐ The above indicator is fulfilled. ☐ On occasion, the SIC meetings include a review of the progress made in meeting the goals and objectives found in the school renewal plan. ☐ The SIC meetings do not include a review of the progress made in meeting the goals and objectives found in the school renewal plan. ☐ Subcommittees are seldomly formed and are not focused on student performance. ☐ The SIC does not form subcommittees to address specific student focused goals. 			Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 11.3	The SIC decisions are data-driven. SIC members review and analyze data to provide guidance and advise the school leadership.	☐ The SIC leadership must implement processes and procedures for routinely reviewing and analyzing data and making data driven decisions.		Office of School Quality Broker the services of SCSIC to provide information and/or workshops
	Findings:			on developing a School Improvement Council that is effective.
	The above indicator is fulfilled.The above indicator is unfulfilled.			Broker the services of SCSIC to
				provide annual SIC training.
	The SIC uses some data but does not base most decisions on solid data analysis.			Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	The SIC never reviews, analyzes, or uses data to make informed decisions.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 11.4	An annual school report to parents and constituents of the school is developed by the SIC and provides information on the school's progress in meeting the school and district goals and objectives. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The SIC provided some input into the annual school report to the parents and constituents but was not the primary author. The SIC was not involved in the annual school report to the parents and constituents. The narrative response does not address the specific factors or activities that support school progress and the barriers that inhibit progress.	 ☐ The SIC and school leadership must ensure that the SIC develops the annual school report to parents and constituents. ☐ The school leadership must attend the SCSIC training session on writing the annual report. ☐ The principal, in conjunction with the SIC, must revise the existing narrative to address the specific factors or activities that support progress and the barriers that inhibit progress. 		Office of School Quality □ Broker the services of the South Carolina School Improvement Council (SCSIC) to provide information and/or workshops on developing a School Improvement Council that is effective. □ Broker the services of the South Carolina School Improvement Council (SCSIC) to provide the training session "Writing the Annual School Summary Report," which includes • Report purpose; • Steps to writing the report; and • Samples and information display. □ Broker the services of SCSIC to provide annual SIC training. □ Provide guidance to the principal and the SIC in writing the written narrative response. □ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance					
Number	Reference	STANDARD: The school has programs and procedures established that heighten awareness of the importance of parent/family involvement in				
L&G	59-28-130	the education of their children.				
12	59-28-180					

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 12.1	The school renewal plan includes parental involvement goals and objectives and an evaluation component for this program. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school renewal plan does not contain all the components of parental involvement to include goals and objectives and evaluation. The school renewal plan includes parental involvement goals and objectives and an evaluation component; however, they are not being properly implemented. The school renewal plan does not include parental involvement goals and objectives and an evaluation component for this program.	 □ The school renewal plan must be revised to include parental involvement goals, objectives, and an evaluation component. □ The school leadership must take immediate steps to implement the goals, objectives, and evaluation component of the parental involvement program in the school renewal plan. □ The school leadership must develop and implement a parental involvement program as part of the school renewal plan. 		Office of School Quality ☐ Provide or broker guidance in the development of a parent involvement component for the district strategic plan and the school renewal plans. ☐ Provide or broker assistance to write the school renewal plans. ☐ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of Parental and Community Partnerships ☐ Provide workshops on increasing community and parental involvement in school activities. ☐ Provide workshops on increasing school and business partnerships. ☐ Broker the services of, or partner with other agencies (SCSIC, PTA, etc) to address parental involvement.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 12.2	Communication between the school and the students' homes is regular, two-way, and meaningful. Model schools communicate effectively with students' homes by establishing an active, two-way communication system that makes parents feel that they are partners in the education process. These schools keep families informed of relevant programs and share students' successes. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Communication is one-way, from the school to families. There is not an active feedback process for families. The school has an established communication system; however, communication between the school and families is not sufficient. The school does not have an established communications system that is regular, two-way, and meaningful.	 □ The school leadership must take action to establish two-way communication with families. □ The school leadership must take action to increase the frequency and content of communication with families. □ The school leadership must immediately develop and implement a communications system to families that is regular, two-way, and meaningful. 		Office of Parental and Community Partnerships Provide information and/or conduct workshops on how to implement an effective parent/family communications system. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership Provide consultation and /or formal professional growth opportunities on effective parent and community relations. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames Technical Assistance
L&G 12.3	The school promotes parenting skills, which help parents to participate in their students' learning and in volunteerism. Parents are respected as full partners in the decisions that affect children and families. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The school provides some services and programs for parents; however, these parenting programs do not provide adequate services for families. The school does not promote and support parenting skills. The school does not regularly include parents in the student learning process. The school does not include parents in the student learning process. The school does not have a variety of volunteer opportunities that provides for maximum volunteerism. The school is not welcoming to parents and does not have an established volunteer program. The school does not regularly include parents in the decision-making process or decisions that affect children and families. Parents are not partners in the decisions that affect children and families.	 □ The school leadership must develop and implement parenting programs that provide adequate services to promote and support parenting skills. □ The school must develop and implement procedures that encourage parents to play an integral role in assisting student learning. The school leadership must ensure that the school culture is family friendly. □ The school leadership must immediately take action to ensure that the school welcomes parents and encourages their support and assistance. The school leadership must also develop and implement a volunteer program that provides maximum opportunities for families to volunteer. □ The school leadership must develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure that parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families. 	Office of Parental and Community Partnerships Provide information and/or conduct workshops on how to implement an effective parenting program. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 12.4	The school builds relationships with community organizations and businesses which result in community resources being used to strengthen schools, families, and students. Model schools build community and business partnerships that are mutually beneficial and structured to connect individuals, not just institutions. These connections enable the power of the school and community to be unleashed. There is an existing or developing early childhood advisory committee within the school district consisting of parenting/family literacy, childcare staff, and Head Start staff. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school has built some relationships with community organizations or businesses; however, these relationships have not resulted in community resources being used to strengthen schools, families, and students. The school has not built relationships with community organizations and businesses.	 □ The school leadership must review existing relationships with community organizations or businesses to determine how they can be improved, focusing on how community resources can be used to strengthen schools, families, and students. □ The school leadership must immediately develop and implement a community relation plan that establishes relationships with community organizations and businesses and results in community resources being used to strengthen schools, families, and students. □ The school leadership must work with the early childhood advisory committee to ensure vertical alignment with all collaborative partnerships who are concerned with education. 		Office of Parental and Community Partnerships Provide information and/or conduct workshops on how to implement an effective community involvement program. Office of Early Childhood Education Provide oversight and direction to the early childhood advisory committee. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership Provide consultation and /or formal professional growth opportunities on effective parent and community relations. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

FOCU	S AREA:	Leadership and Governance
Number L&G 13	Reference 59-18-110 59-18-700 59-20-60 59-29-180	STANDARD: The library media center program contributes to improving school and student performance.
	Achieving Model School Library Media Centers	

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 13.1	Collaborative planning exists between the library media specialist and the classroom teachers. The library media specialist actively works in partnership with the classroom teachers to link information literacy, technology, and academic content to improve student learning. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The library media specialist works somewhat in partnership with classroom teachers to link information literacy, technology, and academic content. No collaborative planning exists between the library media specialist and the faculty. The library media specialist informally collects data and provides information to the school leadership concerning student performance.	 □ The school leadership must take steps to ensure that collaborative partnerships involving the planning, delivery, and evaluation of lessons linking information literacy, technology, and academic content exist between the classroom teachers and the library media specialist. □ The school leadership must take steps to ensure that collaborative partnerships between the classroom teachers and the library media specialist involve the joint evaluation of student learning for each collaborative lesson or unit. □ The library media specialist must take steps to develop a formal system for collecting and analyzing data to demonstrate the effect of the library media program on student learning and achievement. □ The library media specialist must take steps to develop a formal system for reporting the results of the student achievement impact studies to the school leadership. 		Office of Technology (School Library Media Services) Provide information on the role and responsibilities of the administration in establishing collaborative partnerships between classroom teachers and the library media specialist. Provide information on the roles and responsibilities of the library media specialist and classroom teachers in establishing and maintaining productive collaborative partnerships. Provide professional development on curriculum design to develop lesson plans linking information literacy, technology education, and academic content through the use of IMPACT, the SDE's information literacy and technology integration guide.

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			 Provide guidelines and training on collecting data to demonstrate the effect of the library media program on student learning. Provide guidelines and training on analyzing the data and developing reports for the school leadership illustrating the direct connection between school library media centers and student achievement.
			Office of School Quality
			Monitor the implementation of the recommendation of the external review team.
L&G 13.2	The library media center's resource collection is a balanced, carefully selected, and systematically organized collection of print and electronic resources sufficient in quantity and quality to meet the information and recreational reading needs of the school community. The library media center's resource collection is continuously monitored for currency and relevancy.	 ☐ The school leadership must review and revise the existing funding procedures to ensure appropriate allocation to the library media center for collection development – that is, the acquisition of new resources to ensure a current collection that is aligned with the school curriculum. ☐ The library media specialist must take immediate steps to establish and implement a collection development plan to address updating the collection, 	Office of Technology (School Library Media Services) Provide guidelines on conducting a needs assessment with students and faculty. Provide assistance to the library media specialist in creating a collection development policy, including weeding the collection to eliminate outdated and
	Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The library media center's overall print collection is not current and up-to-date, excluding print copies or audiotapes of	increasing the size of the collection, and matching the collection to the school's curriculum and reading program. The library media specialist must take immediate steps to analyze the collection and to use that analysis for collection development to establish and maintain an updated resource collection that is matched to the school's curriculum and that will support the school's	obsolete materials. Provide assistance to the library media specialist in developing and implementing a collection development policy. Provide assistance to the library media specialist in conducting a collection

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	textbooks. The library media center does not have plans in place for the teachers and students to offer suggestions for additions to the overall collection. The library media center's overall collection does not provide plans for collection analysis, including weeding the collection to remove outdated and worn materials. The library media center's overall collection is not reflective of the diversity of instructional needs, as well as the diversity of the student population. The library media center's overall collection is not grade and age appropriate for the student population. The library media center's overall collection does not include professional resources to support the professional development needs of the school's certified personnel.	reading program.	Time Trames	analysis and using the results to establish and maintain a resource collection that is current and that meets the information and recreational reading needs of the school community in accordance with the collection development policy. Provide assistance to the library media specialist in developing a proposed budget to support collection development to establish and maintain a current collection that meets the information and recreational reading needs of the school community. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the external review team.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 13.3	The library media program contributes to improved student achievement by supporting the school's reading program through encouraging reading for information and recreation by all students by offering a variety of reading materials and reading activities. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The library media program does not offer state and national reading programs for student participation. The library media program does not promote local reading-related activities and events. The library media program does not support collaborative efforts between the classroom teachers and the library media specialist to support and encourage reading. The library media center is not involved in the school-wide reading program.	 □ The school leadership must take steps to implement a school-wide reading program. □ The school leadership must take steps to establish collaborative planning between the classroom teachers, literacy coach, reading specialist, and the library media specialist for developing a plan for students to participate in the identified state and national reading programs and to plan and implement locally developed activities and events to encourage and promote reading school wide. □ The school leadership must take steps to include the library media program as part of the school-wide reading plan beyond the library media specialist's managing the school's computerized reading incentive program (e.g., Accelerated Reader, Reading Counts). 		Office of Technology (School Library Media Services) Provide assistance to the library media specialist in identifying state and national reading programs for student participation. Provide assistance to the library media specialist in developing local reading activities (e.g., booktalks, displays, student reviews, author visits, family literacy nights). Provide assistance to the library media specialist, principal, and classroom teachers on establishing collaborative partnerships to plan and implement school-wide reading activities. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the external review team.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance				
Number L&G 14	Reference 59-59-20 59-59-50 59-59-80 59-59-90 59-59-100 59-59-105	STANDARD: The school(s) and district offer a curriculum, aligned with state content standards, organized around a career cluster system that provides students with both strong academics and real-world problem solving skills. Students must be provided individualized educational, academic, and career-oriented choices and greater exposure to career information and opportunities. This system must promote the involvement and cooperative effort of parents, teachers, and school counselors in assisting students in making these choices, in setting career goals, and in developing individual graduation plans to achieve these goals.			
	59-59-120 59-59-140 59-59-200 59-52-160 59-17-135	HS = High Schools, CC = Career Centers, MS = Middle Schools, MS/CATE = Middle Schools that have Career and Technology Education (CATE) programs, ES = Elementary Schools			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 14.1	* Review for ES – Grades 1–5 The district and elementary school(s) have integrated the SDE's school guidance and counseling program model, along with career awareness exploration activities, into the curricula for students in grades one through five. [Reference: Section 59-59-80-EEDA and appropriate content in the EEDA Guidelines] Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The SDE's school guidance and counseling	 The district and elementary school(s) must continue to take action to integrate the SDE's school guidance and counseling program model, along with career awareness exploration activities, into the curricula for students in grades one through five. The district and elementary school(s) must develop a plan to integrate the SDE's school guidance and counseling program model, along with career awareness exploration, activities into the curricula for students in grades one through five. 		Office of Career and Technology Education Provide staff development on integrating the SDE's school guidance and counseling program model, along with career awareness exploration activities, into the curricula for students in grades one through five. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
	program model, along with career awareness exploration activities, has been integrated into the curricula for students in some, but not all, of grades one through five.			
	The SDE's school guidance and counseling program model, along with career awareness exploration activities, has not been integrated into the curricula for students in grades one through five.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 14.2	* Review for MS – Grades 6, 7, and 8 • Students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are provided counseling and career awareness programs on clusters of study. The clusters of study are as follows: (1) agriculture, food, and natural resources; (2) architecture and construction; (3) arts, audio-video technology, and communications; (4) business, management, and administration; (5) education and training; (6) finance; (7) health science; (8) hospitality and tourism; (9) human services; (10) information technology; (11) law, public safety, and security; (12) manufacturing; (13) government and public administration; (14) marketing, sales, and service; (15) science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and (16) transportation, distribution, and logistics. • Students receive career interest inventories and information to assist them in the career decision-making process. [Reference: Sections 59-59-50 and 59-59-90-EEDA and appropriate content in the EEDA Guidelines]	 □ The school leadership must continue to take action to provide students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades with counseling and career awareness programs on clusters of study. □ The school leadership must develop a plan to ensure that students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are provided with counseling and career awareness programs on clusters of study. □ The school leadership must continue to take action to provide career interest inventories and information to assist students in grades six, seven and eight in the career decision-making process. □ The school leadership must develop a plan to ensure that students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are provided career interest inventories and information to assist them in the career decision-making process. 		Office of Career and Technology Education Provide staff development on counseling, career awareness programs on clusters of study, and career interest inventories. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
	Findings:			
	☐ Not applicable			
	The above indicator is fulfilled.			
	☐ The above indicator is unfulfilled.			
	Counseling and career awareness programs on clusters of study are provided for students in some, but not all, of grades six, seven and eight.			
	Counseling and career awareness programs on clusters of study are not provided for students in grades six, seven and eight.			
	Career interest inventories and information to assist students in the career decision-making process are provided for students in some, but not all, of grades six, seven and eight.			
	Career interest inventories and information to assist students in the career decision-making process are not provided for students in grades six, seven and eight.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 14.3	 Review for MS – Grade 8 Before the end of the second semester of the eighth grade, eighth grade students, in consultation with their parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians, shall select a preferred cluster of study and develop an individual graduation plan (IGP). An individual graduation plan is a student-specific educational plan detailing the courses necessary for the student to prepare for graduation and to successfully transition into the workforce or postsecondary education. An individual graduation plan must align career goals and a student's course of study; be based on the student's selected cluster of study and an academic focus within that cluster; include core academic subjects, which must include, but are not limited to, English, math, science, and social studies to ensure that requirements for graduation will be met; include experience-based, career-oriented learning experiences including, but not limited to, internships, apprenticeships, mentoring, co-op education, and service learning; be flexible to allow change in the course of study but be sufficiently structured to meet graduation requirements and 	The school leadership must continue to take action to provide students with the opportunity to select a preferred cluster of study and develop an individual graduation plan (IGP) before the end of the second semester of the eighth grade. The school leadership must develop a plan to ensure that students are provided with the opportunity to select a preferred cluster of study and develop an individual graduation plan (IGP) before the end of the second semester of the eighth grade.		Office of Career and Technology Education Provide staff development on selecting a preferred cluster of study and developing an individual graduation plan (IGP). Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

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	admission to postsecondary education;			
	(6) incorporate provisions of a student's			
	individual education plan, when			
	appropriate; and			
	(7) be approved by a certified school			
	guidance counselor and the student's			
	parents, guardians, or individuals			
	appointed by the parents or guardians to			
	serve as their designee.			
	The IGP has been developed, utilizing the			
	following clusters of study:			
	(1) agriculture, food, and natural resources;			
	(2) architecture and construction;			
	(3) arts, audio-video technology, and			
	communications;			
	(4) business, management, and			
	administration;			
	(5) education and training;			
	(6) finance;			
	(7) health science;			
	(8) hospitality and tourism;			
	(9) human services;			
	(10) information technology;			
	(11) law, public safety, and security;			
	(12) manufacturing;			
	(13) government and public administration;			
	(14) marketing, sales, and service;			
	(15) science, technology, engineering, and			
	mathematics; and			
	(16) transportation, distribution, and			
	logistics.			
	• The student, parent(s), guardian(s), or			
	individuals appointed by the parents or			

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	guardians to serve as their designee, and the school guidance staff approve the plan. [Reference: Sections 59-59-50, 59-59-90, and 59-59-140-EEDA and appropriate content in the EEDA Guidelines]		
	Findings:		
	☐ Not applicable		
	The above indicator is fulfilled.		
	The above indicator is unfulfilled.		
	Eighth grade students in consultation with their parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians select a preferred cluster of study and develop an individual graduation plan (IGP) before the end of the second semester of the eighth grade.		
	Eighth grade students do not select a preferred cluster of study and do not develop an individual graduation plan (IGP) before the end of the second semester of the eighth grade.		
L&G 14.4	 Review for MS Every middle school student is provided with the services of a career specialist or a certified guidance counselor. The middle school career 	The school leadership must continue to take action to provide every middle school student with the services of a CDF-certified career specialist or a CDF-certified guidance counselor.	Office of Career and Technology Education Monitor the services provided by the CDF-certified career specialist or CDF-certified guidance counselor.
	specialist has (1) obtained a bachelor's degree, (2) successfully completed the national Career Development Facilitator (CDF) certification	The school leadership must develop a plan to ensure that every middle school student is provided with the services of a CDF-certified	Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

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	training and (3) works under the supervision of a certified guidance counselor. The certified guidance counselor has completed the Career Development Facilitator certification training. Activities of school guidance counselors and career specialists are limited to guidance and counseling, and they do not perform administrative tasks.	career specialist or a CDF-certified guidance counselor.		
	 To ensure the implementation and appropriate delivery of services, the career specialist shall (1) coordinate and present professional development workshops in career development and guidance for teachers, school counselors, and work-based constituents; (2) assist schools in promoting the goals of quality career development of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade; (3) assist school counselors and students in identifying and accessing career information and resource material; (4) provide educators, parents, and students with information on career and technology education programs offered in the district; (5) support students in the exploration of career clusters and the selection of an area of academic focus within a cluster of study; (6) learn and become familiar with ways to improve and promote career development opportunities within the district; (7) attend continuing education programs on the certified career development facilitator curriculum sponsored by the State; (8) assist with the selection, administration, and 			
	evaluation of career interest inventories;			

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	(9) assist with the implementation of the			
	district's student career plan or individual			
	graduation plan; (10) assist schools in planning and developing			
	parent information on career			
	development;			
	(11) coordinate with school counselors and			
	administration career events, career			
	classes, and career programming; (12) coordinate community resources and			
	citizens representing diverse occupations			
	in career development activities for			
	parents and students; and			
	(13) assist with the usage of computer assisted			
	career guidance systems.			
	[Reference: Sections 59-59-100, 59-59-105, and 59-			
	59-120-EEDA and appropriate content in the			
	EEDA Guidelines]			
	Findings:			
	☐ Not applicable			
	☐ The above indicator is fulfilled.			
	The above indicator is unfulfilled.			
	Every middle school student is not provided			
	with the services of a CDF-certified career			
	specialist or a CDF-certified guidance			
	counselor.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 14.5	* Review for MS Each middle school shall have a student-to-guidance personnel ratio of three hundred to one. Guidance personnel include certified school guidance counselors and career specialists. [Reference: Section 59-59-100-EEDA and appropriate content in the EEDA Guidelines] Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school does not have a student-to guidance personnel ration of three hundred to one.	 □ The school leadership must continue to take action to have a student-to guidance personnel ration of three hundred to one. □ The school leadership must develop a plan to ensure a student-to guidance personnel ration of three hundred to one. 		Office of Career and Technology Education Monitor the student-to-guidance personnel ratio. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
L&G 14.6	* Review for MS Annual parent counseling conferences are scheduled to assist parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians, and their children in making career choices and creating individual graduation plans. These conferences must include, but are not limited to, assisting the student in identifying career interests and goals, selecting a cluster of study and an academic focus, and developing an IGP. A mediation process must be developed, explained, and made available for conferences upon the	 The school leadership must continue to take action to schedule annual parent counseling conferences to assist parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians, and their children in making career choices and creating individual graduation plans. The school leadership must develop a plan to ensure that annual parent counseling conferences are scheduled to assist parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians, and their children in 		Office of Career and Technology Education ☐ Provide guidance in identifying career interests and goals, selecting a cluster of study and an academic focus, and developing an IGP. Office of School Quality ☐ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
	request of the parent or student in order to protect the interests of every student.	making career choices and creating individual graduation plans.		
	[Reference: Section 59-59-160-EEDA and appropriate content in the EEDA Guidelines] Findings:	The school leadership must continue to take action to develop a mediation process for conferences requested by the parent or student in order to protect the interests of every student.		
		The school leadership must develop a plan to ensure a mediation process for conferences		
	☐ The above indicator is unfulfilled.	requested by the parent or student in order to		
	Annual parent counseling conferences are not scheduled to assist parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians, and their children in making career choices and creating individual graduation plans.	protect the interests of every student.		
	A mediation process has not been developed for conferences upon the request of the parent or student in order to protect the interests of every student.			
	A mediation process has been developed, but is not explained or made available for conferences upon the request of the parent or student in order to protect the interests of every student.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 14.7	* Review for HS All teachers, especially English/language arts, math, and science teachers, have been trained in contextual teaching methodology. [Reference: Section 59-59-200-EEDA and appropriate content in the EEDA Guidelines] Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. All teachers, especially English/language arts, math, and science teachers, have not been trained in contextual teaching methodology.	 □ Each teacher, especially English/language arts, math, and science teachers, should be trained in contextual teaching methodology. □ Each teacher, especially English/language arts, math, and science teachers, use contextual teaching methodology in teaching the courses. 		Office of Career and Technology Education Provide guidance on contextual teaching methodology for math, and science teachers. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 14.8	* Review for ES, MS, HS, and CC A character education program has been implemented which incorporates character traits including, but not limited to the following: respect for authority and respect for others, honesty, self-control, cleanliness, courtesy, good manners, cooperation, citizenship, patriotism, courage, fairness, kindness, self-respect, compassion, diligence, good work ethics, sound educational habits, generosity, punctuality, cheerfulness, patience, sportsmanship, loyalty, and virtue. [Reference: Section 59-17-135(B)-EEDA and appropriate content in the EEDA Guidelines] Findings: Not applicable The above indicator is fulfilled A character education program has not been implemented.	 □ The school leadership must continue to take action to develop a character education program. □ The school leadership must develop a plan to implement a character education program. 		Office of Safe Schools and Youth Services Provide staff development training in the development and implementation of a character education program. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	S AREA:	Leadership and Governance
Number L&G 15	59-63-1310	STANDARD: The school provides appropriate services to students who, for behavioral or academic reasons, are not benefiting from the regular school program or may be interfering with the learning of other students.
13	59-63-1320	 * Review this standard for grades 6 – 12 only. ** District-driven with district responsibility

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 15.1	An alternative school program is available for students who, for behavioral or academic reasons, are not	Comments for Consideration:	District Responsibility	Office of Safe Schools and Youth Services Resources
	benefiting from the regular school program or may be interfering with the learning of other students.			Assist districts with organizing or reorganizing alternative school programs
	** District-driven with district responsibility			programs.Provide districts with alternative school
	Findings:			guidelines and regulations.
	Comments for Consideration:			 Assist districts by providing information on working with difficult students.
				Office of Technology Resources
				• Encourage and provide guidance on the use of alternative instructional delivery strategies.
				Office of School Quality Resources
				Broker or provide assistance with the evaluation of alternative school programs.
				Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 15.2	Alternative school programs are operated at a site separate from other school buildings on campus or at a separate time from normal school hours, providing complete separation from other students (unless the school has a waiver from the SDE). ** District-driven with district responsibility Findings: Comments for Consideration:	Comments for Consideration:	District Responsibility	 Office of Safe Schools and Youth Services Resources Assist districts with organizing or reorganizing alternative school programs. Assist districts by providing information on alternative school law and guidelines. Provide schools and districts with alternative school guidelines and regulations. Office of School Quality Resources Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 15.3	The school has clear guidance and procedures for the referral of any student into an alternative school program, including • due process procedures, • consideration of the requirements of the IDEA, and • written and distributed academic and disciplinary policies. Findings:	 ☐ The school leadership must immediately revise and distribute guidelines and procedures for the referral of students into an alternative program ensuring that the guidelines include due process procedures. ☐ The school leadership must immediately revise and distribute guidelines and procedures for the referral of students into an alternative program ensuring that the guidelines include requirements of the IDEA. 		Office of Safe Schools and Youth Services ☐ Audit alternative school programs for compliance to state guidelines. ☐ Provide guidance to districts for establishing alternative school programs. ☐ Provide schools and districts with alternative school guidelines and regulations.
	 ☐ Not applicable ☐ The above indicator is fulfilled. ☐ The written guidelines and procedures do not contain due process procedures. ☐ The written guidelines and procedures do not contain consideration of the requirements of the IDEA. ☐ The written guidelines and procedures do not contain written and distributed academic and disciplinary policies. ☐ There are no written guidelines and procedures for the referral of students into an alternative program. 	 □ The school leadership must immediately revise and distribute written guidelines and procedures for the referral of students into an alternative program ensuring that the guidelines include academic and disciplinary policies. □ The school leadership must immediately establish guidelines and procedures for the referral of students into an alternative program including all of the areas addressed above. 		Office of Exceptional Children □ Provide guidance with regard to compliance and testing. Office of School Quality □ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Leadership and Governance					
Number L&G 16		STANDARD: The principal fosters the success of all students by acting as the school's instructional leader by leading the development, alignment, and implementation of the instructional and assessment strategies.				

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 16.1	The principal communicates the plan of action for achieving the school's vision that focuses on student achievement. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school has a plan of action for achieving the school's vision that reflects a focus on student achievement; however, it is not communicated to all key stakeholders. The school does not have a plan of action for achieving the school's vision that reflects a focus on student achievement.	 ☐ The principal must take immediate steps to communicate the school's student focused plan of action for achieving the school's vision to all key stakeholders. ☐ The principal must take immediate steps to develop and communicate a plan of action for achieving the school's vision that is clear and reflects a focus on student achievement. 		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on the development and communication of the plan of action for achieving the school's vision. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 16.2	The principal routinely monitors teachers' instructional practices to improve student achievement. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The principal occasionally monitors teachers' classroom instructional practices to improve student achievement. The principal does not monitor teachers' classroom instructional practices.	The principal must take action to routinely monitor teachers' classroom instructional practices to ensure they are focused on improving student achievement. Classroom instructional practices include the proper use of instruction linked to ongoing assessment. This is essential for principals of kindergarten and lst grade teachers as they use the South Carolina Readiness Assessment.		 Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of Early Childhood Education Provide ongoing training in appropriate use of South Carolina Readiness Assessment.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
L&G 16.3	The principal ensures that the delivery of instruction is aligned with the curriculum, and ensures that teachers use appropriate instructional strategies and multiple forms of assessment. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Some, but not all, instructional delivery is aligned with the curriculum. Some, but not all, teachers use appropriate instructional strategies and multiple forms of assessment. The curriculum is aligned and teachers use appropriate instructional strategies; however, multiple forms of assessment are not employed. The principal does not ensure that instructional delivery is aligned with the curriculum, and teachers do not use appropriate instructional strategies and multiple forms of assessment.	The principal must take action to ensure that instructional delivery is aligned with the curriculum, and ensure that teachers use appropriate instructional strategies and multiple forms of assessment.		Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of Curriculum and Standards Provide guidance and/or workshops on how to align instructional delivery with the curriculum and appropriate instructional strategies through working institutes, best practices seminars, and study groups. Office of School Leadership Provide training through SLEI-Technology Training in the use of PDAs to observe instruction for connection to the South Carolina standards.
L&G 16.4	The school has an Academic Leadership Team (ALT) consisting of key school personnel. The ALT meets on a regular basis to address instructional issues. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school has an ALT; however, membership	☐ The principal must immediately create an Academic Leadership Team (ALT) consisting of key school personnel. The principal must ensure that the ALT meets on a regular basis and is focused on effectively addressing instructional issues.		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on how to establish and effectively utilize an Academic Leadership Team (ALT). Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

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	does not consist of appropriate school personnel. The school has an ALT; however, the frequency of meetings is not sufficient to effectively address instructional issues.			
	The school does not have an ALT consisting of key school personnel that meet on a regular basis to address instructional issues.			
L&G	The principal consistently uses student performance	☐ The principal must establish a data-driven		Office of School Quality
16.5	data to make instructional decisions. Findings:	decision-making process, which ensures that student performance data is consistently used when making		Provide guidance and/or workshops on how to uses student performance data to make instructional decisions.
	The above indicator is fulfilled.The above indicator is unfulfilled.	instructional decisions.		Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	☐ The principal does not routinely use student			Office of Safe Schools
	performance data to make instructional decisions.			Provide multiple sessions on data-driven decision-making.
	The principal does not use student performance data to make instructional decisions.			Office of School Leadership
				Provide multiple sessions on data-driven decision-making.



ERT Report Instrument

Intervention and Assistance Program Office of School Quality Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment



Curriculum and Instruction

Revised for School Year 2006-07

School:	

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Curriculum and Instruction					
Number	Reference	STANDARD: The curricula are aligned with the state academic standards, and implementation is annually reviewed and revised to address				
C&I	59-18-110	gaps in student academic performance.				
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Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames Technical Assistance
C&I 1.1	The curricula are aligned with state academic standards and are understood and used by teachers. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Curricula are aligned; however, the majority of teachers do not evidence an understanding of the curricula. The majority of teachers use the designated curricula; however, it is not aligned to the state standards. There are no local curricula.	The school leadership must provide professional development and support to help teachers understand and properly use the curricula. The school leadership must direct the alignment of existing local curricula with state standards and must provide time and opportunity for teachers to develop the curricula. The school leadership must monitor the use of school curricula to include the component of cross-referencing with state standards. The school leadership must develop a plan and timeline for the development of local curricula that are aligned with state standards.	Office of Curriculum and Standards Provide professional development regarding the steps toward alignment of curriculum with standards. Provide professional development in standards implementation via evidence-based models in ELA, math, science, social studies, foreign languages, and the arts. Office of Technology Provide professional development in the use of The South Carolina Teaching Learning Connecting (SCTLC.com) Web site, with resources for the classroom. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 1.2	The curricula are reviewed and revised to address identified gaps in student performance. Findings:	The school leadership must develop and implement a plan for the regular review and revision and/or modification of curricula on the basis of student performance data.		Office of Curriculum and Standards Provide professional development regarding the steps toward alignment of curriculum with standards.
	 ☐ The above indicator is fulfilled. ☐ The above indicator is unfulfilled. ☐ The curricula are reviewed and revised; however, changes in the curricula are not based on identified gaps in student 	The school leadership must develop a plan and timeline for development of local curricula that are aligned with state standards.		Provide professional development in standards implementation via evidence-based models in ELA, math, science, social studies, foreign languages, and the arts.
	performance. There is no documentation to indicate that the curricula are reviewed and revised. There are no local curricula.			Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCUS AREA: Curriculum and Instruction				
Number C&I 2	Reference 59-18-300	STANDARD: The school has established a systematic and ongoing assessment of all students. This system is used to determine student learning, diagnose class and individual student needs, and address those needs.		

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 2.1	The school leadership team organizes and facilitates activities that require teachers to include assessments as part of their overall instructional strategy. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The school leadership team does not regularly organize and facilitate activities that foster the capacity of teachers to include assessments as part of their overall instructional strategy. The school leadership team does not organize and facilitate activities that foster the capacity of teachers to include assessments as part of their overall instructional strategy.	Recommendations The school leadership team must organize and facilitate activities that require teachers to include assessments as part of their overall instructional strategy. The school leadership must establish and implement guidelines for teachers that require the use of a variety of classroom assessments (quizzes, tests, portfolios, etc.) and assessment techniques (multiple choice, short answer, extended response, projects, etc.) to reinforce current instruction and guide future instruction.	Time Frames	Office of School Quality Provide information and/or workshops on assessment strategies. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of Curriculum and Standards Provide information/workshops on classroom assessment strategies.
The major classroom etc.) and short ans reinforce	The majority of teachers do not use a variety of classroom assessments (quizzes, tests, portfolios, etc.) and assessment techniques (multiple choice, short answer, extended response, projects, etc.) to reinforce current instruction and guide future instruction.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 2.2	All students are given periodic comprehensive assessments (school level, district, and/or state benchmark tests) in core content areas throughout the school year to determine if they are mastering grade level standards. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Some students receive periodic comprehensive assessments to determine if they are mastering grade level standards. Comprehensive assessments are not administered periodically. The school does not have a program that ensures that all students are given periodic comprehensive assessments ("benchmark tests") in core content areas throughout the school year to determine if they are mastering grade level standards.	The school leadership must develop and implement a program that ensures that all students are given periodic comprehensive assessments ("benchmark tests") in core content areas throughout the school year to determine if they are mastering grade level standards.		Office of School Quality Provide information and/or workshops on how to conduct "benchmark" assessments. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 2.3	Results from the periodic comprehensive assessments are analyzed, and the results from the analyses are used to identify specific student educational needs. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Although some results are analyzed and may be used to identify specific student educational needs, this analysis is not a routine part of the assessment process. Results from the periodic comprehensive assessments are not analyzed. The school does not have a comprehensive assessments program in place.	 □ The school leadership must institutionalize the data analysis process to ensure that comprehensive assessments are analyzed, and the results are used to identify specific student educational needs. □ The school leadership must develop and institutionalize a data analysis process that ensures that comprehensive assessments are analyzed, and the results are used to identify specific student educational needs. 		Office of School Quality Provide information and/or workshops on how to conduct and analyze "benchmark" assessments. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
C&I 2.4	Results from the periodic comprehensive assessments are analyzed, and the results from the analyses are used to guide and adjust implementation of school curriculum decisions. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Although some results are analyzed and may be used to guide and adjust implementation of school curriculum decisions, this analysis is not a routine part of the curriculum development process. Results from the periodic comprehensive	 □ The school leadership must institutionalize the data analysis process to ensure that comprehensive assessments are analyzed, and the results are used to guide and adjust implementation of school curriculum. □ The school leadership must develop and institutionalize a data analysis process that ensures that comprehensive assessments are analyzed, and the results are used to guide and adjust implementation of school curriculum. 		Office of School Quality Provide information and/or workshops on how to conduct and analyze "benchmark" assessments. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

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	assessments are not analyzed. The school does not have a comprehensive assessments program in place.			
C&I 2.5	Results from the assessments are analyzed, and the results from the analyses are used to guide instruction in the school's academic assistance initiatives (i.e. homework center, tutoring program, etc.). Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Although some results are analyzed and may be used to guide instruction in the school's academic assistance initiatives (i.e. homework center, tutoring program, etc.) this analysis is not a routine part of the academic assistance initiatives development. Results from the periodic comprehensive assessments are not analyzed. The school does not have a comprehensive assessments program in place.	The school leadership must institutionalize the data analysis process to ensure that comprehensive assessments are analyzed, and the results are used to guide instruction in the school's academic assistance initiatives (i.e. homework center, tutoring program, etc.). The school leadership must develop and institutionalize a data analysis process that ensures that comprehensive assessments are analyzed, and the results are used to guide instruction in the school's academic assistance initiatives (i.e. homework center, tutoring program, etc.).		 Office of School Quality □ Provide information and/or workshops on how to conduct and analyze "benchmark" assessments. □ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership □ Provide sessions on data-driven decision-making for principals, assistant principals, new principals, and district administrators. □ Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on data-driven decision making. □ Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Curriculum and Instruction					
Number	Reference	STANDARD: The curricula are assessed, monitored, and revised based upon the educational needs of students.				
C&I	59-18-360					
3	59-20-60					
	59-18-900					

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 3.1	Systematic procedures are in place to evaluate the effectiveness of the curricula on the basis of student needs and state assessment scores with key stakeholders involved. Findings:	The school leadership must ensure that the school follows established procedure to evaluate the effectiveness of the curricula on the basis of student needs and state assessment scores.		Office of Curriculum and Standards ☐ Provide information regarding curriculum alignment. ☐ Provide information on effective curriculum review to all stakeholders.
	 □ The above indicator is fulfilled. □ A procedure is in place; however, interviews and/or documentation (or the lack of documentation) suggest that student needs and state assessment data are not used to assess the effectiveness of curricula. □ There is no documentation to confirm that systematic procedures are in place to evaluate the effectiveness of the curriculum on the basis of student needs and state assessment scores. □ The curriculum development process does not involve staff, parents/guardians, members of the community, and students. □ There are no local curricula. 	 □ The school leadership must direct a systematic procedure to evaluate the effectiveness of the curricula on the basis of student needs and state assessment scores. □ The school leadership must direct the review of existing curricula with representation from staff, parents/guardians, members of the community, and parents. The school leadership should revise and/or modify existing curricula on the basis of the educational needs of the students. 		Office of School Quality Provide benchmark tests. Provide workshops on using benchmark tests. Provide or broker services to provide workshops on the curriculum development process. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations Time	me Frames Technical Assistance
C&I 3.2	Resources and administrative support for curriculum development, procurement, evaluation, and revision are provided. Findings:	The school leadership must immediately acquire/develop and implement a process for resource allocation and administrative support for curriculum development and revision.	Office of Curriculum and Standards Provide information for training district administrators and teachers on curriculum review, evaluation, and revision.
	☐ The above indicator is fulfilled.		Office of School Leadership
	☐ The above indicator is unfulfilled. ☐ Resources for curriculum acquisition/ development, evaluation, and revision are inadequate.		Provide the CP&L School Leadership Executive Institute component entitled "Data Driven Decision-making." Office of School Quality
	Administrative support for curriculum acquisition/development, evaluation, and revision are inadequate.		Broker services for consultants to do curriculum evaluation.Monitor the implementation of the
	Resources and administrative support for curriculum acquisition/ development, evaluation, and revision are not provided. There are no local curricula.		recommendations of the ERT.
C&I 3.3	Strategies, activities, materials, curriculum components, instruction, and assessments of each curriculum are revised to address gaps in student performance on state assessments.	The school leadership must direct the revision of curricula using data from student performance on state assessments specifically focused on addressing gaps in student performance.	Office of Curriculum and Standards Provide information on curriculum alignment.
	Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled.	performance.	Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the
	The above indicator is unfulfilled.		recommendations of the ERT.
	Curriculum revisions do not fully address gaps in student performance.		
	Curriculum revisions do not address gaps in student performance on state assessments.		
	☐ There are no local curricula.		

Number	Indicator	1	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 3.4	Disaggregated data are reviewed, analyzed, and used to plan for improvement. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Disaggregated data are reviewed and analyzed; however, the results of the analyses are not used to plan for improvement. Disaggregated data are not reviewed, analyzed, and used to plan for improvement.		The school leadership must review existing process of data analysis and revise and/or modify to include the use of disaggregated data to plan for improvement. The school leadership must immediately establish a process to review, analyze and use disaggregated data to plan for improvement.		Office of School Leadership Provide the School Leadership Executive Institute component entitled "Data Driven Decision-Making." Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on time management and the principal as the instruction leader. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.
					Office of School Quality ☐ Provide resources for systematic data analysis. ☐ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Curriculum and Instruction					
Number C&I 4	Reference 59-18-900	STANDARD: The school and/or district use data to improve its curricula and instruction.				

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 4.1	The school and district annually review longitudinal student performance data and use this information to evaluate the effectiveness of the existing programs. Curricula and instructional programs are adjusted, as necessary. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Longitudinal student performance data is reviewed; however, curricula and instructional programs are not adjusted based on the review. Longitudinal student performance data is not reviewed.	 □ The school and district leadership must direct the review and revision and/or modification of the current practice of evaluating longitudinal student performance data to include how data will be used to make changes to curricula and instructional programs. □ The school and district leadership must direct the annual review of longitudinal student performance data and the use of this information to evaluate the effectiveness of the existing programs and resulting revisions and/or modifications. 		Office of Curriculum and Standards Provide information on curriculum alignment. Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Curriculum and Instruction						
Number	Reference	STANDARD: Each staff member and student has access to resources of the type and in the quantity needed to implement the curricula of the					
C&I	59-18-110	school effectively.					
5	59-18-700						
	59-20-60						

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 5.1	Instructional materials, resources, and learning activities are aligned with the curricula and state standards; instructional equipment is appropriate to the curricula and is up-to-date; and students have the necessary learning materials.	 ☐ The school leadership must direct a review of existing instructional materials, resources, and learning activities for alignment with curricula and state standards. ☐ The school leadership must determine a plan 		Office of Curriculum and Instruction Provide information on the selection of appropriate instructional materials, resources, and learning activities.
	Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Instructional materials, resources, and learning activities are not aligned with the curricula and state standards. Instructional equipment is not appropriate to the curricula and is not up-to-date. Students do not have access to necessary learning materials.	to replace instructional equipment that does not evidence alignment with curricula and state standards. The school leadership must review methods of allocation and revise and/or modify these methods to ensure appropriate provision of instructional materials and/or learning resources to all students. The district/school leadership must develop policies or procedures specifying that local instructional materials reflect the substance and level of performance outlined in the state standards.		Office of School Leadership □ Provide new principals with training in the allocation of resources through the Leadership Academy's Principal Induction Program. □ Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on time management and the principal as the instruction leader. □ Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.
		The district/school leadership must ensure that teachers have the instructional materials they need to successfully implement the curriculum.		Office of School Quality Provide training in developing guidelines for selecting appropriate materials and/or learning resources. Provide training in developing learning

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			activities that support alignment with state and local standards.
			Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
			Office of School Safe Schools and Youth Services
			Provide information/training to school counselors on the guidance curriculum standards, guidance activities, and the Correlation Brochure to State Standards.
C&I 5.2	Professional staff members are involved in the selection of quality instructional materials.	The school leadership must develop and implement a system for the selection of quality instructional materials that includes	Office of School Leadership Conduct the School Leadership Executive
	Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled.	participation of staff members.	Institute for administrators, specifically the component entitled "Resource Allocation."
	The above indicator is unfulfilled.		Office of School Quality
	Professional staff members are somewhat involved in the selection of instructional materials, but not in a systemic manner.		Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	Professional staff members are not involved in the selection of instructional materials.		

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
C&I 5.3	Instructional apparatus and equipment in all laboratories, resource centers, and classrooms are maintained in good working condition and are regularly updated to meet changing needs as described in the school renewal plan and/or the district strategic plan, and are routinely used by teachers. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Instructional apparatus and equipment in laboratories, resource centers, and classrooms are updated; however, the updates do not keep pace with changing needs. Instructional apparatus and equipment in all laboratories, resource centers, and classrooms are not maintained in good working condition. Instructional apparatus and equipment in all laboratories, resource centers, and classrooms are regularly updated and maintained; however, teachers do not routinely use the labs.	The school leadership must revise and/or modify a maintenance plan to include a regular review of instructional apparatus and equipment in all laboratories, resource centers, and classrooms to ensure that these items are maintained in good working order and are updated regularly to meet changing needs, and are routinely used by teachers.		Office of School Quality Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.



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Professional Development

Revised for School Year 2006–07

School:		

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Professional Development				
		CONTEXT: The context standards include learning communities, leadership, and resources and address the organization's system and			
PD 1	59-24-50	culture in which new learning will occur and be implemented.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 1.1	Leadership - Skillful school and district leaders guide instructional improvement through the allocation of the appropriate resources and professional development that improves the learning of all students. Model schools have instructional leaders who promote teacher learning, provide opportunities to improve instruction (e.g. learning communities), create leadership	 The principal must take action to promote teacher learning. The principal must take action to provide opportunities to improve instruction (i.e., PD, time for collaboration, peer observation, feedback). 		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or training on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	opportunities among the staff, and coordinate resources to guide instructional improvement. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. The principal does not promote teacher learning. The principal does not provide opportunities to improve instruction (i.e., PD time for collaboration, peer observation, feedback). The principal does not create leadership opportunities among the staff (i.e., lead teacher, instructional coach, mentor). The principal does not coordinate resources (i.e., time and money) to guide instructional improvement. The principal does not take any action to guide instructional improvement through professional development that improves the learning of all students.	 □ The principal must take action to create leadership opportunities among the staff (i.e., lead teacher, instructional coach, mentor). □ The principal must take action to coordinate resources (i.e., time and money) to guide instructional improvement. □ The principal must take action to guide instructional improvement through professional development that improves the learning of all students including all of the actions above. □ The school leadership must ensure that resources are allocated to facilitate professional development that provides collaboration with colleagues during the school day. 		Office of School Leadership Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on effective professional development programs. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Professional Development				
	59-24-50	PROCESS: The process standards refer to the design and delivery of professional development. They describe the process used to acquire new knowledge and skills. Professional development should be data-driven and research-based, and have strong evaluation, design, learning, and collaboration components.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 2.1	Data-driven - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by using disaggregated student data to determine adult learning priorities, monitor progress, and help sustain continuous improvement. Model schools use all data (test scores, attendance, discipline, drop-out rate, retention rate, etc.) relevant to or impacting student learning to drive instructional decisions, determine the focus of adult learning, and evaluate the impact of professional development on student achievement. Model schools use all available early childhood data to develop support for the early childhood assets study that will lead to appropriate professional development of the early childhood staff. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Student data is not analyzed continuously (at least 4 times a year) to monitor and adjust the instructional program. Disaggregated data is not used to determine	 □ The school leadership must analyze student data continuously (at least 4 times a year) to monitor and adjust the instructional program. □ The school leadership must use disaggregated data to determine professional development needs. □ Teachers must analyze student data to determine whether professional development is having desired effects on student learning. □ The school leadership must take immediate steps to use a data-driven process to help improve the learning of all students including all of the actions above. 		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or training on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on data-driven decision making. Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
	professional development needs.			
	Teachers do not analyze student data to determine whether professional development is having desired effects on student learning.			
	Professional development does not use disaggregated student data to determine adult learning priorities, monitor progress, and help sustain continuous improvement.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 2.2	Evaluation - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by using multiple sources of information to guide improvement and demonstrate its impact. Model schools evaluate the teachers' acquisition of new skills and knowledge, how this new learning affects teaching, and in turn, how new practices affect the learning of all students (i.e., surveys to determine the effectiveness of training, observations to evaluate the level of implementation and the students' results to determine the overall effectiveness of the professional development activities). Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Surveys or discussions are not used to evaluate the effectiveness of professional development. Classroom observations are not used to evaluate the level of implementation of how new learning affects teaching practices. Students' work is not analyzed to evaluate how the changes in teachers' practices affects student learning. The school's professional development does not use multiple sources of information to guide improvement and demonstrate its impact.	 □ The school leadership must use surveys or discussions to evaluate the effectiveness of professional development. □ The school leadership must use classroom observations to evaluate the level of implementation of how new learning affects teaching practices. □ Teachers and administrators must use students' work to evaluate how the changes in teachers' practices affect student learning. □ The school leadership must take immediate steps to include multiple sources of information to guide improvement and demonstrate the impact of professional development including all of the actions above. 		Office of School Quality ☐ Provide guidance and/or workshops on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development. ☐ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 2.3	Research-based - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by preparing educators to apply research to their decision making. Model schools use needs assessment results to research best practices/exemplary models before adopting programs to improve teaching and promote higher student achievement.	 The school leadership must use educational research when selecting both content and processes for professional development (i.e., reading research reports, inviting consultants to the school, visiting schools). The school leadership must use educational research to compare the students on whom the research was conducted with the students in their school. 		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership
	Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Educational research is not used when selecting both content and processes for professional development (i.e., reading research reports, inviting consultants to the school, visiting schools). Educational research is not used to compare the students on whom the research was conducted with the students in their school. The school's professional development does not, in any way, prepare educators to apply research to decision making.	The school leadership must use educational research to prepare educators to apply research in their decision making, including the actions above.		 □ Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on research methodology. □ Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 2.4	Design - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by helping teachers use appropriate learning strategies that are aligned to the intended goal of the lesson. Model schools design professional development to enhance teachers' current skills and help them acquire new	 ☐ The school leadership must use training, workshops, courses, and large group presentations to assist teachers in enhancing skills and/or acquire new skills. ☐ The school leadership must use interactive professional development activities (i.e., live video models, classroom demonstrations, 		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	skills. Support and follow-up are essential for the practices to become a routine part of teachers' instructional repertoire (i.e. training can be combined with coaching, demonstration lessons, video models, collaboration, study groups, and action research).	coaching, study groups, or peer visits). The school leadership must provide follow-up sessions to professional development activities throughout the school year.		
	Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Training, workshops, courses, and large group presentations are not provided to assist teachers in enhancing skills and/or acquire new skills. Professional development activities are not interactive (i.e., live video models, classroom demonstrations, coaching, study groups, or peer visits). Professional development activities are not designed to provide follow-up sessions throughout the school year. The school's professional development does not, in any way, use learning strategies that are appropriate to the intended goal.	The school leadership must ensure that teachers use appropriate learning strategies that are aligned to the intended goal of the lesson, including the actions above.		

Number	Indicator		Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance	
PD 2.5	Learning - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by applying knowledge about human learning and change. Model schools conduct professional development that		The school leadership must ensure that learning methods taught during professional development sessions model the methods teachers are expected to use with their students.		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development.	
	incorporates the instructional methods teachers are expected to use in the classroom, while considering the career stages of the faculty and the impact of the change process.		The school leadership must provide maximum opportunities for teachers to practice new skills and receive feedback on their performance (i.e., active learning, reflection, demonstration lessons, observations).		Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.	
	Findings:		The school leadership must incorporate			
	The above indicator is fulfilled.	professional development activities that use the skills and experience teachers possess at				
	 ☐ The above indicator is unfulfilled. ☐ Learning methods in professional development do not model the methods teachers are expected to use with their students. ☐ Minimal opportunities are provided for teachers to practice new skills and receive feedback on their performance (i.e., active learning, reflection, demonstration lessons, observations). ☐ Professional development activities do not use 			different points in their careers (i.e., coaches, mentors, master teachers, peer assistants). The school leadership must apply knowledge about human learning and the change process to their professional development program, including the actions above.		
	the skills and experience teachers possess at different points in their careers (i.e., coaches, mentors, master teachers, peer assistants). The school's professional development does not apply knowledge about human learning and change in any way.					

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 2.6	Collaboration - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by providing educators with the knowledge and skills to collaborate. Model schools develop knowledge of strategies to monitor and improve group interactions, group decision-making strategies, group structures, stages of group development, conflict resolution, and effective interaction skills for team members. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Professional development activities designed to instruct teachers how to collaborate is available in some, but not all, of the areas listed below. designing lesson plans critiquing student work analyzing data principles of planning conflict resolution team building group dynamics formulating questions evaluating information The school's professional development does not, in any way, provide educators with the knowledge and skills to collaborate.	The school leadership must provide educators with the knowledge and skills to collaborate by providing them with growth opportunities in the areas below. • designing lesson plans • critiquing student work • analyzing data • principles of planning • conflict resolution • team building • group dynamics • formulating questions • evaluating information		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.

FOCU	FOCUS AREA: Professional Development			
		CONTENT STANDARDS : The content standards refer to the actual skills and knowledge that effective educators need to produce higher levels of student learning. The standards include equity, quality teaching, and family involvement.		

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 3.1	Equity - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by preparing educators to understand and appreciate all students; create safe, orderly, and supportive learning environments; and hold	Professional development opportunities must be provided to help teachers understand the general cognitive and social/emotional characteristics of the students they teach.		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development.
	high expectations for students' academic achievement. Model schools have professional development that helps teachers to understand the cognitive and social/emotional	Professional development opportunities must instruct teachers on how to provide differentiated learning activities and various ways to assess student progress.		Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	characteristics of students in order to provide all students with an appropriate curriculum, helps teachers to differentiate instruction based on student needs, and helps teachers to communicate high expectations for <u>all</u> students in an environment that is emotionally and physically safe.	 □ Professional development activities must provide knowledge and skills on how to establish safe and orderly learning environments. □ The school leadership must prepare educators to understand and appreciate all students; create safe, orderly and supportive learning environments; and 		Office of School Leadership Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.
	Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled.	hold high expectations for students' academic achievement, including the actions above.		
	The above indicator is unfulfilled.			
	Professional development opportunities are not available to help teachers understand the general cognitive and social/emotional characteristics of the students they teach.			
	Professional development opportunities are not available to provide differentiated learning activities and various ways to assess student			

Number	Indicator		Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
	progress. Professional development activities are not available to provide teachers knowledge and skills to establish safe and orderly learning environments.				
	The school's professional development does not in any way prepare educators to understand and appreciate all students; create safe, orderly and supportive learning environments; and hold high expectations for their academic achievement.				
PD 3.2	Quality Teaching - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by deepening educators' content knowledge, providing them with research-based instructional strategies to assist students in meeting rigorous academic standards, and preparing them to use various types of classroom assessments appropriately.		The school leadership must provide professional development activities that deepen teachers' understanding of the subject(s) they teach. The school leadership must provide professional development activities that deepen teachers' understanding of the strategies they use to teach those subjects.		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT.
	Model schools have teachers who participate in sustained, rigorous professional development for the subjects they teach. Teachers receive training relative to teaching, the means by which they assess student progress, and the	The school leadership must provide professional development activities that deepen teachers' understanding of the way in which they assess student progress.		Office of School Leadership Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and	
	research regarding human learning and development. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. The above indicator is unfulfilled. Professional development activities are not available for teachers to deepen their understanding of the subject(s) they teach.		The school leadership must provide professional development activities that deepen teachers' understanding of the instructional approaches they will use with their students (i.e., workshops/courses with classroom follow-up, participation in study groups, visit high performing classrooms, observe demonstration lessons, classroom coaching). The school leadership must provide professional development activities that deepen educators' content		services.

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
	 Professional development activities are not available for teachers to deepen their understanding of the strategies they use to teach. Professional development activities are not available for teachers to deepen their understanding of the way in which they assess student progress. 	knowledge, providing them with research-based instructional strategies to assist students in meeting rigorous academic standards, and preparing them to use various types of classroom assessments appropriately, including the actions above.		
	Professional development activities are not available for teachers to deepen their understanding of the instructional approaches they will use with their students (i.e., workshops/courses with classroom follow-up, participation in study groups, visit high performing classrooms, observe demonstration lessons, classroom coaching).			
	The school's professional development does not deepen educators' content knowledge, providing them with research-based instructional strategies to assist students in meeting rigorous academic standards, and preparing them to use various types of classroom assessments appropriately.			

Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 3.3	Family Involvement - The school's professional development improves the learning of all students by providing educators with the knowledge and skills to involve families and other stakeholders appropriately. Model schools communicate and build partnerships with families and the community to increase home-school relationships that support student learning. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Professional development activities designed to instruct teachers on how to involve families and other stakeholders are available in some, but not all, of the areas listed below. Parenting Communicating Volunteering Learning at Home Decision Making Collaborating with the Community The school's professional development does not provide educators with knowledge and skills to involve families and other stakeholders appropriately.	The school leadership must provide educators with the knowledge and skills to involve families and other stakeholders, including all of the areas below. • Parenting • Communicating • Volunteering • Learning at Home • Decision Making • Collaborating with the Community (Note: See L&G 12 for more details on Parent/Family programs)		Office of School Quality Provide guidance and/or workshops on the NSDC Standards for Staff Development. Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Quality Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.

FOCUS AREA: Professional Development			
		STANDARD: The school has established programs that provide formal guidance to teachers and administrators on individual professional growth plans for teachers.	
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Number	Indicator	Recommendations	Time Frames	Technical Assistance
PD 4.1	Individual growth plans for teachers are supportive of the school renewal plan. Findings: The above indicator is fulfilled. Individual growth plans generally support the school renewal plan but must be brought up to date to be more closely aligned. The individual growth plans for teachers do not support the school renewal plan. Teachers have not completed individualized professional growth plans.	 ☐ The school leadership must review the individual growth plans for all teachers to ensure that they support the school renewal plan. ☐ The school leadership must direct all teachers to complete individualized professional growth plans that support the school renewal plan. 		Office of School Quality ☐ Monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the ERT. Office of School Leadership ☐ Provide consultation and/or formal professional growth opportunities on individual professional growth plans. ☐ Offer priority enrollment for appropriate school leaders in the OSL continuum of leadership and services.



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Performance

Revised for School Year 2006–07

School:	

FOCUS AREA: Performance Review for Schools Serving Grades Three Through Eight			
Number	Reference	* Review: Schools that enroll students in grades three through eight use the PACT to measure the degree to which the students have	
Per	59-18-310	mastered grade level standards in the core content areas.	
1		*This review should be for schools serving only grades three through eight.	

Number	Reference	Statement of Review/Findings
Per 1.1	59-18-310	Findings: A review of the 2006 school report card indicates that the elementary or middle school has an absolute rating of A review of the 2003 school report card indicates that the elementary or middle school had an absolute rating of ** Expected progress is determined by comparing the absolute rating of 2003 with the absolute rating of 2006.
Per 1.2	59-18-310	Findings: A review of the 2006 school report card indicates that the elementary or middle school has an improvement rating of

FOCUS	FOCUS AREA: Performance Review for Schools Serving Grades Nine Through Twelve				
Number	Reference	* REVIEW: Schools that enroll students in grades nine through twelve use the HSAP results and 2006 eligibility for LIFE Scholarships			
Per	59-18-310	(will be replaced by EOCEP data on the 2007 report card) to measure the degree to which the students have mastered grade-level			
2		academic standards in the core content areas. The following criteria are calculated to determine the absolute rating on the 2006 high			
		school report card:			
		• Longitudinal Exit Exam Passage Rate (30%)			
		• First-attempt HSAP Passage Rate (20%)			
		• Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships (20%)**			
		• Graduation Rate (30%)			
		* This review should be for schools serving only grades nine through twelve.			
		** Will be replaced in 2006-07 by % Scoring 70 or Above on End-of-Course Tests (20%)			

Number	Reference	Statement of Review/Findings
Per 2.1	59-18-310	Findings: A review of the 2006 school report card indicates that the high school has an absolute rating of A review of the 2003 school report card indicates that the high school had an absolute rating of *** Expected progress is determined by comparing the absolute rating of 2003 with the absolute rating of 2006.
Per 2.2	59-18-310	Findings: A review of the 2006 school report card indicates that the high school has an improvement rating of

Comments

School: District:

This section is not mandatory; however, it is available for any specific bulleted commendations or comments that would help improve student performance.

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